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SUBJ: LENINGRAD ART EXHIBITION IN HONOR VENICE BIENNIAL

1. FIFTEEN OF LENINGRAD'S PRINCIPAL NON-OFFICIAL ARTISTS OPENED, ON NOVEMBER 15, A MODEST EXHIBITION OF WORKS TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE VENICE BIENNIAL ARTS FESTIVAL. THE EXHIBITORS ARE CIRCULATING A LEAFLET WHICH LINKS THE TWO EXHIBITS AND CALLS VENICE EVENT "FESTIVE OCCASION FOR ARTISTS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES" WHICH LENINGRAD ARTISTS INTERPRET AS "TOPICAL AND JOYOUS EVENT."

2. EXHIBIT IS BEING HELD AT "MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART" OPENED YEAR AGO AT INITIATIVE OF LENINGRAD WRITER VADIM NECHAEV AND PHYSICIST MARINE NEDROBOVA AND SUPPORTED BY A NUMBER OF ARTISTS FROM BOTH MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. MUSEUM IS LOCATED IN NECHAEV'S APARTMENT IN BOL'SHAYA OKHTA SECTION OF CITY, LOCATED ON RIGHT BANK OF NEVA RIVER WELL AWAY FROM CITY CENTER.

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3. CONGENOFFS VISITING EXHIBITION WERE TOLD THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME SURVEILLANCE AND OTHER EVIDENCE OF KGB "INTEREST." THERE WAS, HOWEVER, NO MILITIA IN EVIDENCE AT FRONT OF APARTMENT BUILDING OR IN HALLS. LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY HAVE DECIDED IN VIEW OF RELATIVE OBSCURITY OF EXHIBITION AT THIS POINT TO LET IT RUN ITS COURSE WITHOUT BLATANT INTERVENTION. LEVEL OF

OFFICIAL HARRASSMENT, HOWEVER, COULD ESCALATE RAPIDLY IF
EXHIBITORS SHOULD SUCCEED IN ACHIEVING ANY REAL PUBLICITY
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